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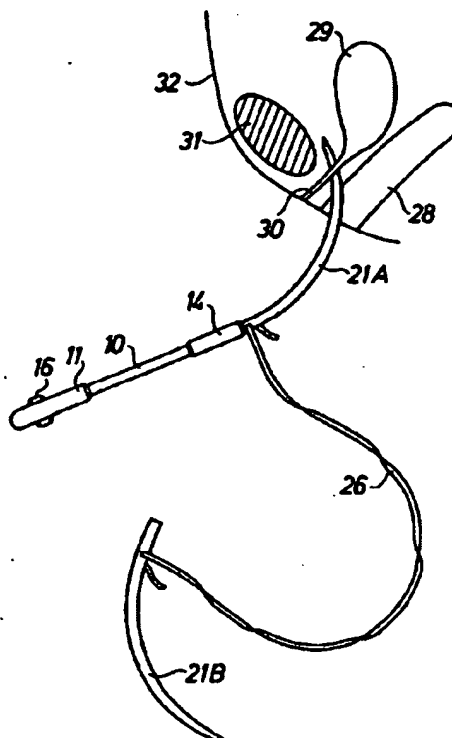
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## (57) Abstract

The invention relates to a surgical instrument and a method for treating female urinary incontinence. The instrument comprises a shank (10) having a handle (11) at one end thereof, and two curved needle-like elements (21A, 21B) which are connected at one end thereof each with one end of a tape (26) intended to be implanted into the body. These elements can be connected one at a time with the shank at the other end thereof to form a curved end portion of the shank and are intended to be passed into the body via the vagina, each element being dimensioned to extend from the inside of the vaginal wall over the back of the pubic bone to the outside of the abdominal wall. When practising the method the tape (26) is passed into the body via the vagina (28) first at one end and then at the other end at one side and the other, respectively, of the urethra (30) to form a loop around the vaginal wall. The tape is extended over the pubis (31) and through the abdominal wall (32) and is tightened. Then, the tape ends are cut at the abdominal wall, and the tape is left in the body.



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